

REMARKS

Claims 35, 37-38, 40-42, 47, and 59-66 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-63 are canceled. Claims 67 and 68 are added. No new matter is added. Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 64-68 are pending and presented for examination.


Rejection of Claims 35, 37-38, 40-42, 47, 59, and 60-63

Claims 35, 37-38, 40-42, 59, and 60-63 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, and §102(b) as anticipated by the Stratagene catalog. The Office Action indicates, however, that claims 64-66 have been found to be allowable, and claims 62-63 have been rejected insofar as they depended from rejected claim 61. Applicants have herein cancelled all claims except claims 64-66, and have added new claims 67-68 which are identical to claims 62-63, with the exception that they now depend from claims 64 and 66. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all the outstanding rejections are rendered moot by this amendment, and request that the rejections be reconsidered and properly withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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